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1. Attached hereto for your information and retention are:
  - a. A copy of a monthly publication, "Military Report on Eastern Europe" (MREE), containing military and naval information appearing in Eastern European Satellite and Yugoslav periodicals.
  - b. A copy of the "Guide to Exploitation of Satellite Newspapers for Military and Naval Information" (henceforth referred to as "The Guide"), which was prepared for the use of the personnel preparing the MREE.
2. The MREE is being prepared by Foreign Documents Division, CIA, pursuant to NSCID No. 16, subject: Foreign Language Publications, dated 7 March 1953, and is the result of a specific request from G2, DA, concurred in by ONI. At present, the publication is being issued approximately two to three months after the date of publication of the periodicals exploited. The Summary of Contents indicates the scope of the publication and the types of sources covered. These sources vary somewhat from month to month, depending on the regularity of receipt of the periodicals. The publication does not attempt to present full translations of articles covered, but includes abstracts or summaries of the articles together with significant extracts. The format, scope, and content will be subject to modification in the future, particularly as exploitation facilities are augmented, but will generally follow the present outline.
3. The scanning and exploitation of newspapers and other periodicals by field collection agencies is highly desirable and should be conducted on a continuing basis, especially to meet current and local field requirements. However, considerable duplication of effort has been noted, and much of this duplication could be eliminated, thereby permitting maximum effective employment of available facilities both in Washington and in the field. It is therefore recommended that you examine the attached publication with a view to redirecting your routine exploitation effort where it overlaps the various topics covered. However, no reduction should occur in the exploitation of that information noted in Satellite and Yugoslav publications whose value would, in your opinion, be lessened by delay in transmission. Such information should be forwarded by R-series report or cable as provided in SR 380-305-5.

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Examples of the types of information which should be forwarded expeditiously are:

- a. References to major personnel changes, such as at the ministerial or military district level.
  - b. Command changes whose inclusion in a pending issue of the G2 Order of Battle Summary would be advisable.
  - c. Induction and release of conscripts.
  - d. Ministerial or other important reorganizations.
  - e. Significant articles or editorials, such as on defense against CBR.
  - f. Military purges or the reinstatement of important former purgees.
  - g. Indications of the level or status of training.
  - h. Significant military legislation.
4. Although the MREE includes much useful information in a collated form, it suffers from two major weaknesses:
- a. The inadequacy of available periodicals from Albania, Hungary, and Rumania.
  - b. The limited number of exploitation personnel available to meet requirements for military exploitation, while similarly covering political, economic, sociological, scientific, and technical requirements submitted by the several IAC agencies.

Both of these weaknesses can be somewhat ameliorated if field exploitation activities are integrated into the over-all exploitation effort or if certain latent potentials in the field are developed.

5. Regarding the first weakness, any assistance you can give in procuring the provincial newspapers and the periodicals, especially newspapers, of the Ministries of Defense and the quasi-military training organizations of Albania, Hungary and Rumania will be greatly appreciated. Furthermore, an attempt should be made to procure actual copies of, or titles of, newspapers published by the major headquarters or commands (armies, corps, and military districts) in the Satellite armies. A final category of Satellite periodicals which would be of considerable use includes the publications of the Satellite Ministries of Interior, as they are a very valuable source of information on the security forces

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of those states. Although your office may be unable to procure any copies of these periodicals, your suggestions concerning possible sources of the various periodicals will be of value.

6. In connection with the second weakness, the present exploitation activities of most of the field collection agencies are of sufficient scope that they would materially augment the military exploitation effort in Washington if coordinated into the over-all program. Furthermore, returned field representatives have indicated that interrogation personnel could be profitably used on a part time basis to exploit Satellite publications, thus providing them with valuable background information as well as useful linguistic practice. Consequently, it is requested that each recipient of this letter answer the following questions in so far as applicable to his office:

a. What is the extent of exploitation performed by your office (for example, number and titles of Satellite newspapers and other periodicals scanned, regularity of scanning, type and average quantity of abstract reports prepared, and general subjects regularly reported upon -- both military and non-military)?

b. How many linguists are available for this exploitation, and approximately how many man-hours are devoted to this activity per day, week, or month?

c. Based on past experience, what is the average time required per issue to scan and exploit the following types of newspapers (assuming four pages to the average Communist newspaper):

(1) The central press (for example, the organ of the Communist Party)?

(2) Military newspapers, particularly the organ of the Ministry of Defense?

(3) The provincial press (that is, the newspapers published in cities other than the capital)?

d. What specific local problems or prior commitments exist which might limit or adversely affect an exploitation effort undertaken by your office?

e. With reference to "The Guide," paragraph 2, are there any requirements listed which your office could not undertake? In this connection, existing facilities in Washington are not adequate to provide coverage of the newspapers of the pre-military training organizations in accordance with paragraph 2f, nor of the newspapers of the Ministries of Defense in accordance with paragraphs 2g and 2h. Consequently, your

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support concerning these requirements would be particularly valuable.

7. Does your office wish to receive copies of the MREE regularly? If so, how many copies?

8. Do you desire any additional copies of "The Guide?"

9. For your information, Foreign Documents Division is currently producing the following summaries pertaining to the Satellites in addition to the MREE:

a. The "Weekly Economic Report on Eastern Europe," which includes the following sections:

- (1) Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing
- (2) Chemical Industry
- (3) Construction and the Construction Materials Industry
- (4) Consumer Goods and Domestic Trade
- (5) Economic Organization, Planning, and Management
- (6) Geography
- (7) Manufacturing Industries
- (8) Power and the Extractive Industries
- (9) Transportation and Communications
- (10) Biographic Appendix

b. The monthly "Political and Sociological Information Report on Eastern Europe," which is divided into the following sections:

(1) Political (containing items on government and party organizations, party activity and training, party policy and theory, elections, mass organizations, propaganda organization and campaigns, and emigre activity).

(2) Sociological (containing items on education and technical training, labor and manpower, standard of living, minorities, population data, health and sanitation, crime, and personal documentation).

(3) Biographic Appendix

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c. The weekly "Selected Briefs from the International Press," a World-wide publication, which includes the following sections:

- (1) Communist Movements
- (2) International Conferences and Fairs
- (3) East-West Travel and Contacts
- (4) Intra-Orbit Travel and Contacts
- (5) East-West Trade
- (6) Intra-Orbit Trade
- (7) East-West Cargo Shipments
- (8) Smuggling (particularly of strategic materials to the orbit countries.)
- (9) Orbit Trade Advertisements in Non-Orbit Countries
- (10) Resistance and Sabotage Activities
- (11) Orbit Security Police Activities
- (12) International Arms Traffic

10. If desired, copies of the publications listed in paragraph 9 above can be provided to your office on a continuing basis.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2:

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